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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.192**

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Decision of the Primary Examiner mailed March 28, 2006 finally rejecting claims 1-26 and 29-33 of the above-identified patent application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as :
- Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of March 28, 2006 to and through September 28, 2006 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of three.

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